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SUPPORT BILL 267

Good afternoon,

My name is Raymond J. Rescildo, CSP. I support **Raised Bill No.267** (an act concerning pool maintenance & repair work.) I am a licensed swimming pool contractor. I own and operate Certified Pool & Spa in Plymouth CT.

- I stress the word operate, because I not only run the "office side" of my business I get in my truck everyday to perform the pool & spa maintenance & repair work myself.

My typical workday ranges from installing or repairing gas heaters (natural gas & propane), pumps on 220 line voltage, high pressure plumbing repairs, automated chemical dispensers, and anti suction entrapment mechanisms.

During spring pool openings I may repeat these tasks 5 or 6 times per day. **I SUPPORT raised bill 267 for several reasons.**

- As a CT citizen I support bill 267 for the tremendous contribution to public, health safety & welfare.
- I also support bill 267 for the **confidence** it provides a micro business owner like myself.

Statement of Purpose: To clarify the scope of swimming pool maintenance and repair work and to adopt regulations concerning trade areas for which licenses are required, trainees and continuing professional education.

1. clarify the scope of swimming pool maintenance

- A clarified scope would give small operations like mine a template to build a "new hire to licensee" training program at nearly no cost.
- Most small companies do not have the time, ability or resources to craft these programs. I have priced private training resources, they are extremely expensive.
- Bill 267 grants a small company an increased ability to compete with large outfits, which have the resources for dedicated training departments and safety officers

2. adopt regulations concerning trade areas for which licenses are required, trainees

- work force trained to operate safely, employee safety is a major concern to potential employers – trained new hires can recognize & report hazards
- qualify work force, a tool for growth – hire with confidence

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3. continuing professional education

- like any technology – Pool & spa technology rapidly evolving, safety & energy efficiency
- Licensees are current with new building codes, regulatory & environmental impact changes.

BILL 267 not only greatly increases the health & safety of those enjoying, building & servicing Connecticut's many residential & commercial pools.

Bill 267 is a conduit to further qualify Connecticut's pool & spa workforce and provides confidence to small outfits looking to create new jobs & grow their business.

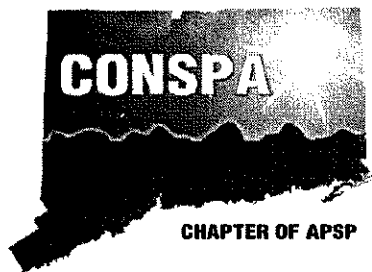
Bill 267 is a true service to Connecticut's citizens & business owners.

Respectfully,

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Connecticut Pool Service License

- **Sec. 20-417aa. Swimming pool maintenance and repair work. Limited licenses. Regulations.**
(The words that are underlined would be added, words ~~stricken~~ would be removed)
(a) As used in this section, "swimming pool maintenance and repair work" means the performance of all plumbing, heating and electrical work necessary to service, modify, ~~or~~ repair, replace, alter or maintain any swimming pool, hot tub, spa or similar recreational or therapeutic equipment, where such work commences at an outlet, receptacle, connection, back-flow preventor or fuel supply pipe previously installed by a person holding the proper license. "Swimming pool maintenance and repair work" includes: (1) The renovation or repair of nonpotable water structures or components of a residential or commercial pool, hot tub or spa, including, but not limited to, the shell, tiling and coping, concrete finish or vinyl liner of such pool, hot tub or spa; and (2) the draining, acid washing, ~~or~~ backwash filtration, or water treatment of a swimming pool and (3) inspecting for code compliance and safety, measuring and installing safety covers, seasonal opening and closing, painting of interior surfaces, performing diagnostic and leak detection, and routine cleaning. The renovation or repair of nonpotable water components of a pool, hot tub or spa required to be installed, renovated or repaired by a licensed plumber or electrician shall not be considered swimming pool maintenance and repair work. The holder of a limited license for swimming pool maintenance and repair work issued pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 400, provided such license holder is acting within the scope of the license.